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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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For: MECHANICAL LOCKING SYSTEM)	
FOR FLOORBOARDS)	
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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as the cited documents are U. S. patents, it is no longer necessary to provide a copy and copies are therefore not enclosed.

As noted in MPEP §609, the filing of an information disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Further, in order to fully comply with the duty of disclosure in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants have cited multiple references for the Examiner to consider. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to fulfill his/her obligation to consider all cited references. However, applicants also highlight the following references:

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US 6,254,301
US 6,203,653
US 5,295,341
US 4,819,932
US 4,426,820
US 4,169,688
US 2,430,200

Applicants provide this list for the Examiner's convenience with no warranty or admissions. While an attempt to identify particularly relevant documents has been made, it is possible that cited documents not listed above may be considered more relevant by the Examiner.

It is noted that the documents identified above, with the exception of *Hatch*, U. S. Patent No. 6,254,301 and *Martensson*, U. S. Patent No. 6,729,091, which are cited herein, were cited in Information Disclosure Statements previously filed in the present application and were listed on the Forms PTO-1449 which accompanied those Information Disclosure Statements.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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